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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the American Air Force continues to fly in Iraqi airspace. Details are as follows:

1. (a) American/Saudi air activity on 2/3 April 1991 amounted to 82 sorties flown by 41 formations, mostly over the city of Baghdad and its environs.

(b) The aircraft flew at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 8,000 metres, at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour.

(c) The aircraft were identified as F-14s and F-15s. They performed provocation and reconnaissance operations by flying over Baghdad at low altitudes.

2. (a) American/Saudi air activity on 3/4 April 1991 amounted to 66 sorties flown by 28 formations consisting of 2 aircraft, 2 formations consisting of 4 aircraft and 2 lone aircraft.

(b) The F-15 and F-16 aircraft flew at altitudes ranging from 5,000 to 6,000 metres, at a speed of 750 kilometres per hour.

(c) The flights, mostly over Baghdad, Suwayrah, Karbala, Najaf and Babylon, were a cause of provocation, disturbance and alarm to the population.

3. (a) American air activity on 4/5 April 1991 amounted to 85 sorties flown by 40 formations at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour, at altitudes ranging from 4,500 to 7,000 metres.

(b) The flights took place mostly over and to the west of Baghdad, as well as over Suwayrah, east of Tharthar and over Kirkuk and Arbil.

(c) The aircraft were identified as F-15s and F-16s.

(d) The flights were a cause of provocation, disturbance and alarm to the population.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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